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Greene-Sullivan State Forest Office

You are cordially invited to attend our Open House on **Saturday, March 5, 2011** from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the Linton City Park-East Cabin as part of **Marsh Madness**. No fees will be charged to enter the east cabin.

Vendors will be located in the Roy Clark Building during Marsh Madness. A \$5.00 entrance fee applies.

We will outline projects for the upcoming year, answer questions and take comments on future, past or present projects.

Lake permits and bridal tags will be available for sale during our Open House in Marsh Madness.

For more Marsh Madness information and schedule visit the festival website at **www.marshmadness.info**.

The Fishing Forest

Past and Future Events

By Steve Siscoe, Property Manager

Greetings friends and neighbors. Another year has passed and it is time to reflect back on 2010 and look forward to 2011. I would also like to announce our annual Open House that will be held March 5 at the Linton City Park's East Cabin from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm in conjunction with Marsh Madness.

We were able to accomplish several major items in 2010. The most noticeable is the resurfacing of blacktop in the campgrounds and widening the office entrance. This work was directed through our cohorts at INDOT and utilized stimulus funds. They also replaced three culverts at various locations throughout the property. Other accomplishments in resource management included 3 timber sales, control work on invasive species, prescribed burns, and tree planting. Annual stockings of rainbow trout, channel catfish and muskies were received. In addition a reclamation project through the Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) was done on County Road 500 South. This project addressed safety issues and installed a new guardrail along the county road. In recreation management we did 64 miles of multiple use trail maintenance. Several picnic tables, fire rings, and signs were also replaced during the course of the year. 2010 was the last year for the YHCC program and they were a major contributing factor in our workforce.

2011 will be another year of very tight budgets and we will be without the YHCC workers and stimulus funds for projects. Plans are underway for a couple more timber sales and a reclamation project along County Road 400 south. The Division of Forestry is very dependent on the revenues from timber sales and also gives 15% of net revenues back to the county. This year Greene County received \$1,986.32 and Sullivan County received \$65.45. We hope these numbers continue to increase as we manage our timber resources and more stands mature. The reclamation project should improve safety along CR400S by resloping the south side adjacent to water. Recreation management in 2011 will focus on cleaning up the recent ice storm and setting some camping cabins. One of our challenges has been to increase our income and the cabins have worked for other properties. We will also be setting up a booth at the Outdoor Recreation show on March 26 at the Linton Armory to sell lake permits and bridal tags. We wish all of you the best for 2011 and hope you can find time to enjoy the forest.

Resource Management Program

By Phil Jones, Forest Resource Specialist

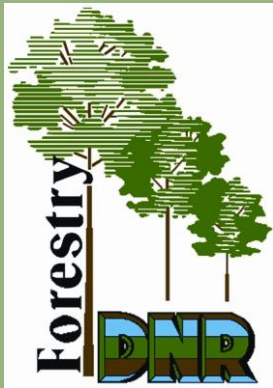


OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS:

Closed Mondays
Tuesday-Friday
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Memorial Day to Labor Day



The Division of Forestry Mission:

To promote and practice good forest stewardship on Indiana's public and private lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations

This last year has been eventful at the forest. A lot of projects are underway and in the mix. There are currently three active timber sales on the property; C6T1 (Jackson lake), C5T1 (Star lake), and C1T3 (west side of County Line Rd – across from Clear lake). C6T1 is nearly finished and the contract is set to expire March 31. Considerable progress is being made on the other sales. All of these areas are currently posted as closed to the public. When these sales are completed the posted signs will be removed, indicating that these areas are once again open to the public.

There are three more timber sales planned for the next fiscal year; C3T7 (primarily east of Scott Lake, C6T6 (Tree Lake), and C4T3 (north of Reservoir 26 along CR400S). C3T7 has already been sold and logging could begin at any time. C6T6 has not yet been marked or sold, but skid trails have been constructed. C4T3 is in the process of being marked and skid trail construction is currently taking place. C4T3 is part of another Division of Reclamation highwall project similar to the one completed along county road 500 S at Yew Pit. As with the previous project, this one will focus on eliminating a hazardous highwall along CR400S by using fill dirt from the spoil banks to smooth the slopes back on the highwall to a 4:1 grade. Additionally, as part of this project a gob pile will be covered that is actually located in C4T7. This project (33 ac) will be much bigger in scope than the previous 5 ac Yew Pit project. All of these areas are still open to the public and will be posted as closed shortly before work begins.

We were fortunate this last year to

have another Forester Intern as well as the YHCC youth to help out with our resource management work. Overall we accomplished nearly 700 acres of forest inventory, 240 acres of invasive species control, 200 acres of timber stand improvement (TSI), and 55 acres of tree plantation management. Good job to everyone who worked hard, it wasn't easy!

Moving forward, this next year looks to be every bit as busy as the last. We hope to get approval for TSI/Invasive contract work on approximately 160 acres. We are also planning on more tree plantings this year, particularly at the Dugger Unit. This will be a joint venture with the University of Purdue as part of the ReLeaf program and will also involve the construction of deer fencing. These projects, along with inventory, timber sales, and invasive/TSI work carried out by property personnel will make for another eventful year.

Forest management is a long term commitment. We realize that the results of our efforts aren't always immediately seen. However, I'm confident that if we remain diligent and continue to work hard, Greene-Sullivan will be an overall better quality forest for future generations

Dugger Unit



By Gary Smith, Laborer 5

Fees for 2011:

Camping fees for 2011:

Class C is \$8.00/night

Horse Camp is \$12.00/night

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Bridal tags - required from

April 1 to November 30

Annual Horse Tags - \$20.00

Daily Horse Tags - \$5.00

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Motorized Lake Permits - \$20.00

Non-Motorized Permits - \$5.00

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Interesting Websites:

Forest Land Owners
www.forestasist.org

Butterflies and Moths
of North America
www.butterfliesandmoths.org

Indiana Bird List
<http://listserv.indiana.edu>

Injured or Orphaned Animals
www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5492.htm

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Project Releaf resumed tree planting on the West Unit in the area east of Mink Lake. Also, preplanting control of seresia lespedeza around Skunk Lake was conducted on approximately 40 to 50 acres. We anticipate similar control measures and tree plantings this summer expanding eastward toward CR 350 E.

Forest personnel planted trees along State Road 54 north of West Lake using a new tree planter fabricated by our very own talented labor force. We are waiting to see how well this will work, relying on tree survival rate as our measure of success.

We continue to spend a great deal of time, money, and effort attempting to control invasive plants. I, for one, have come to expect that, it is a never-ending job. But, continuing these control measures are necessary because these invasive plants keep spreading; eliminating wildlife food and cover, destroying habitat for wildflowers, and threatening our natural areas. Bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, and phragmites are the biggest problem on the forest property. Mechanical and chemical control seems to be the most effective. Also, controlled burns enhance top kill and inhibit new shoot production. Our neighbors are important allies in the battle against invasive plants by:

1. Not using invasive plants in landscaping and gardens.
2. Removing existing invasive plants before they become a problem.
3. Spreading the word about the threat of invasive plants.

For more information on how you can help control the spread of invasive plants contact Greene-Sullivan State Forest office.



We want to thank the Union High School students, led by science teacher, Doug Mayfield, for spending their Earth Day last spring planting over 250 trees.

Thanks guys and gals!

Don't move firewood. If you live in a county in Indiana with an emerald ash borer quarantine, you cannot bring firewood from that county to any Indiana state park, reservoir, or state forest. Indiana counties with quarantines include Adams, Allen, Blackford, Brown, Cass, Carroll, DeKalb, Delaware, Dubois, Elkhart, Floyd, Grant, Hamilton, Harrison, Hendricks, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, Lawrence, LaGrange, Marion, Miami, Monroe, Noble, Orange, Porter, Randolph, Ripley, St. Joseph, Steuben, Tippecanoe, Wabash, Wells, White, and Whitley. Firewood may not be brought from Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, or Illinois.

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